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Claims 1 to 23 (Canceled).

1 24. (Currently amended) A portable handheld device comprising:

2 a portable authorization device required for enabling
3 operation of a motor vehicle; and

4 a portable data exchange device that is incorporated
5 in said portable authorization device, and that comprises
6 a data memory, a data input connected directly or
7 indirectly to said data memory, and a data output connected
8 directly or indirectly to said data memory;

9 wherein said data input and said data output are
10 configured, arranged and adapted to communicate with both
11 a data processing device included in the motor vehicle
12 ~~and with~~ as well as a data input/output terminal that is
13 external and separate from the motor vehicle.

1 25. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 24, wherein said authorization device is
3 a vehicle key.

1 26. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 25, wherein the motor vehicle includes
3 a mechanically operative ignition lock, and said vehicle
4 key is a mechanically operative ignition key that is
5 adapted to mate with the ignition lock so as to unlock and
6 operate the ignition lock.

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1 27. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 25, wherein said vehicle key includes a
3 key blade protruding from a hand grip, and said data
4 exchange device comprises electronic circuit components
5 encased within said hand grip.

1 28. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 25, wherein said vehicle key includes a
3 key blade protruding from a hand grip having a recess
4 therein, and said data exchange device comprises electronic
5 circuit components integrated on a smart card that is
6 removably received in said recess in said hand grip.

1 29. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 25, wherein the motor vehicle includes
3 an electronically operative ignition lock, and said vehicle
4 key is an electronically operative key that stores
5 authorization data and is adapted to communicate said
6 authorization data to the ignition lock to unlock and
7 operate the ignition lock.

1 30. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 24, wherein said authorization device is
3 a chip card that stores authorization data required for
4 enabling operation of the motor vehicle, and said data
5 exchange device comprises electronic circuit components
6 integrated on said chip card.

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1 **31.** (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 24, wherein at least one of said data
3 input or said data output is adapted to communicate with at
4 least one of the data processing device or the data
5 input/output terminal via only a uni-directional data
6 communication.

1 **32.** (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 24, wherein at least one of said data
3 input or said data output is adapted to communicate with at
4 least one of the data processing device or the data
5 input/output terminal via a bi-directional data
6 communication.

1 **33.** (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 24, wherein said data exchange device
3 stores vehicle-specific data that are specific to the motor
4 vehicle.

1 **34.** (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 33, wherein said data exchange device
3 further stores driver-specific data that are specific to a
4 particular driver of the motor vehicle to whom said
5 authorization device is allocated.

1 35. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 24, wherein said data exchange device
3 stores driver-specific data that are specific to a
4 particular driver of the motor vehicle to whom said
5 authorization device is allocated.

1 36. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 24, wherein said data exchange device
3 comprises a data input/output arrangement including an
4 input portion comprising said data input and an output
5 portion comprising said data output.

1 37. (Currently amended) The portable handheld device according
2 to claim ~~[[36,]]~~ 24, wherein the data processing device of
3 the motor vehicle includes a first data processing device
4 and a second data processing device, and said data memory
5 of said data exchange device includes a first memory area
6 that is allocated to the first data processing device and
7 a second memory area that is distinct from said first
8 memory area and that is allocated to the second data
9 processing device.

1 38. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 36, wherein said input portion of said
3 data input/output arrangement comprises a receiver and an
4 antenna connected thereto adapted to receive
5 electromagnetic waves.

1 39. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 36, wherein said output portion of said
3 data input/output arrangement comprises a transmitter and
4 an antenna connected thereto adapted to transmit
5 electromagnetic waves.

1 40. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 36, wherein said data input/output
3 arrangement comprises an antenna and a transmitter/receiver
4 connected thereto adapted to transmit and receive
5 electromagnetic waves according to the Bluetooth
6 specification.

1 41. (Previously presented) The portable handheld device
2 according to claim 36, wherein at least one of said input
3 portion or said output portion of said data input/output
4 arrangement respectively comprises a signal conductor
5 connected to a contact terminal located externally
6 accessibly on said portable authorization device and
7 adapted to carry out a conductor-bound data exchange.

1 42. (Previously presented) A data exchange system comprising
2 said portable handheld device according to claim 24, in
3 combination with said motor vehicle including said data
4 processing device, and said data input/output terminal that
5 is external and separate from said motor vehicle.

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1 43. (Previously presented) The data exchange system according
2 to claim 42, wherein said data input/output terminal is a
3 computer terminal connected to the internet.

1 44. (Previously presented) The data exchange system according
2 to claim 43, further comprising a computer at a facility of
3 a manufacturer of said motor vehicle or a facility of a
4 servicing center for servicing said motor vehicle, wherein
5 said computer is connected to and carries out a data
6 exchange with said data exchange device via the internet
7 and said computer terminal.

1 45. (Previously presented) A data exchange system comprising
2 said portable handheld device according to claim 24, in
3 combination with

4 said motor vehicle including said data processing
5 device, and further including a vehicle input/output
6 arrangement connected directly or indirectly to said data
7 processing device, and a mechanical or electronic vehicle
8 lock that selectively enables and prevents operation of
9 said motor vehicle; and

10 said data input/output terminal that is external and
11 separate from said motor vehicle and that includes a
12 terminal processor and a terminal input/output arrangement
13 connected directly or indirectly to said terminal
14 processor;

15 wherein said portable authorization device comprises
16 a portable mechanical or electronic key that cooperates

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17 with and is required for activating said vehicle lock to
18 enable operation of said motor vehicle; and

19 wherein said portable data exchange device is
20 incorporated in said key, and further comprises a processor
21 connected to said data memory, and a key input/output
22 arrangement that includes said data input and said data
23 output, and that is connected to said processor and adapted
24 to carry out a communication respectively with said vehicle
25 input/output arrangement and said terminal input/output
26 arrangement.

1 46. (Previously presented) The data exchange system according
2 to claim 45, wherein each one of said input/output
3 arrangements respectively comprises a wireless
4 receiver/transmitter adapted to carry out a wireless
5 reception and transmission of electromagnetic waves
6 carrying data as said communication.

1 47. (Previously presented) The data exchange system according
2 to claim 45, wherein each one of said input/output
3 arrangements respectively comprises signal conductors
4 connected to contacts adapted to carry out a
5 conductor-bound reception and transmission of signals
6 carrying data as said communication.

1 48. (New) A portable handheld device comprising:
2 a portable authorization device required for enabling
3 operation of a motor vehicle; and

4 a portable data exchange device that is incorporated
5 in said portable authorization device, and that comprises
6 a data memory having a first memory area and a second
7 memory area distinct from said first memory area, a data
8 input connected directly or indirectly to said data memory,
9 and a data output connected directly or indirectly to said
10 data memory;

11 wherein said data input and said data output are
12 adapted to communicate with first and second data
13 processing devices included in the motor vehicle and with
14 a data input/output terminal that is external and separate
15 from the motor vehicle; and

16 wherein said first memory area of said data memory of
17 said portable data exchange device is allocated to and
18 adapted to communicate with the first data processing
19 device of the motor vehicle, and said second memory area of
20 said data memory of said portable data exchange device is
21 allocated to and adapted to communicate with the second
22 data processing device of the motor vehicle.

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